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Productive employment and sustainable livelihoods

The Commission for Social Development

Decides to adopt the following general guiding principles with respect to employment:

(a) Central importance should be assigned to employment in the formulation and implementation of economic and social policies, with the understanding that the public sector, the private sector and the welfare system have a shared interest in and responsibility for employment, and that the achievement of full employment should be a permanent goal for all of them;

(b) This goal should be based on the effort to ensure the dignity and worth of the human being and the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Economic growth and increased productivity, which are essential factors for increasing employment, and particularly those economic activities which are likely to generate higher employment, should receive the proper attention from the sectors involved;

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(d) Workers must be provided with education, training and appropriate guidance in order to secure employment and better working conditions in a competitive market;

(e) The adoption of measures to ensure the right kind of flexibility in the labour market and adaptability to that market, with due regard for the relationship between employers and workers, and with a view to higher employment, should be promoted;

(f) The activities of non-governmental organizations and other social welfare agencies concerned with employment should be encouraged and supported and coordination between them should be promoted for the better fulfilment of their aims;

(g) Studies and research on employment and ways of addressing the issue of unemployment effectively are an additional tool and can make an important contribution to economic and social policies;

(h) Exchanges of experience concerning employment and employment policies in various countries should be promoted and reviewed periodically by the United Nations, with the participation of the international organizations concerned.